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10/688,835	10/16/2003	James D. Sterling	530045.415C1

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:2001	385.00 OP
02 FC:2201	43.00 OP
03 FC:2202	90.00 OP
04 FC:2051	65.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$133 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$583 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$133**
  - **\$43** for **1** independent claims over 3.
  - **\$90** for **10** total claims over 20.

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**TRANSMITTAL  
FORM***(To be used for all correspondence  
after initial filing)*

Application Number	10/688,835
Filing Date	October 16, 2003
First Named Inventor	James D. Sterling
Art Unit	1744
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket No.	530045.415C1

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

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Remarks

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

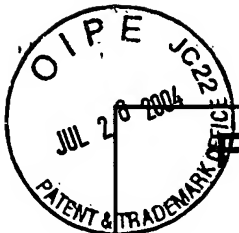
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Date	July 26, 2004	

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** **1,323**

## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/688,835
Filing Date	October 16, 2003
First Named Inventor	James D. Sterling
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	1744
Attorney Docket No.	530045.415C1

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	385
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 385)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

			Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	30	-20** =	10	9	90
Independent Claims	4	-3** =	1	43	43
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 133)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	740
1255	2010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 805)

## SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	Frank Abramonte	Registration No. Attorney/Agent	38,066
Signature		Date	July 26, 2004

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : James D. Sterling et al.  
Application No. : 10/688,835  
Filed : October 16, 2003  
For : METHOD, APPARATUS AND ARTICLE FOR MICROFLUIDIC  
CONTROL VIA ELECTROWETTING, FOR CHEMICAL,  
BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS AND THE LIKE

Art Unit : 1744  
Docket No. : 530045.415C1  
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated February 4, 2004, please find enclosed the following documents:

  X   Fee  
  X   Oath/Declaration  
  X   Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts  
      Sheets of Formal Drawings

Respectfully submitted,  
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